

Study 6: The Word of God

It was important to the early church to learn the teachings of Christ. It was essential for the spiritual growth of every Christian. God's Word is alive and powerful (see Hebrews 4:12).

Read Acts 2:42 and John 8:31-36.

1. As a follower of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit will give you a hunger for God's Word. How is the apostles' teaching mentioned in Acts 2:42?
2. What is the difference between reading the Word and "holding to the truth" (as one version translated John 8:31), or being "devoted" to the teachings (Acts 2:42)? How did it affect their lives?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Romans 12:1-2.

1. What is God's plan for our lives?
2. What tool is He going to use? What is our responsibility?

Conclusion

1. What are some ways you could read the Bible so that it brings about changes in your life?
2. Do you have a regular plan of daily Bible study? If not, may we suggest studying one book at a time? Set up a regular time and place where you can take about 10-15 minutes to read and pray each day. (Start with the New Testament and become familiar with this before you begin studying the Old Testament.)

The Fellowship of Church Planters has a 30-day study guide through the book of Philippians which could be used as a starting point in learning how to read the Bible in a way that leads to transformation of life. To download this study guide go to www.dickcoggins.com.